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TAGS CASC, GR(AMER, AHMAD AND DAUGHTER ZAINA RHONDA)
SUBJ: W/W: LEGAL PROTECTION OF ADOPTED DAUGHTER

REF BEIRUT 8800, STATE 150497, ATHENS 4570

1. EMBASSY CONTACTED BY AMCIT AMER JUNE 20 REGARDING
ADOPTED DAUGHTER ZAINA RHONDA STATUS. HE FEARED CHILD'S
NATUAL PARENTS MIGHT SEEK TO DETAIN HER IN LEBANON
BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS LEGALLY ADOPTED IN US
ADOTPION IS NOT PERMITTED UNDER MOSLEM LAW. EMBASSY QUERRIED QUE
STIONED DEPT REGARDING LEGAL ACTION WHICH NATURAL PARENTS
OF CHILD COULD TAKE IN LEBANON AND WHAT PROTECTION
EMBASSY BEIRUT COULD GIVE SINCE SHE AND ADOPTED PARENTS
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EMBASSY BEIURT COULD GIVE SINCE SHE AND ADOPTED PARENTS
ARE BEARERS OF OFFICIAL PASSPORTS.

2. DEPARTMENT REPLIED ON JUN 26 REFTEL AS FOLLOWS:
A. NEITHER CHILD NOR PARENT ENTITLED TO SPECIAL
PROTECTION IN LEBANON BY VIRTUE OF OFFICIAL PASSPORT.
ONLY SPECIAL STATUS WOULD BE IN COUNTRY TO WHICH ASSIGNED
BY VIRTUE OF STATUS THERE; FOR EXAMPLE, ACCREDITED AS
DIPLOMATC AGENT OR UNDER AID BILATERAL.
B. MR. AMER AND CHILD IN LEBANON WOULD BE FULLY
SUBJECT TO LEBANESE LAWS AND RECONGNTION GIVEN TO
ADOPTION IN US WOULD ALSO BE MATTER OF LEBANESE LAW. UNQUOTE
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3. AMER FAMILY VISITED EMBASSY JUNE 25 STATING THEY
PLANNING DEPART WITHOUT WAITING FOR DEPARTMNT'S
RESPONSE. THEY WERE ADVISED TO CALL EMBASSY BEIRUT
RE MATTER OR ALTERNATIVELY HAVE MR. AMER PROCEED TO
BEIRUT ALONE TO INQUIRE OF LOCAL ATTORNEY REGARDING
DAUGHTER'S STATUS BEFORE HE RESKED TAKING HER TO LEBANON.
CONOFF CALLED THEIR HOTEL UPON RECEIPT STATE REFTEL
BUT WAS INFORMED FAMILY HAD DEPARTED PREVIOUS DAY.
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